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**TITLE: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE CODING AND TRANSMISSION
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Dear Sir:

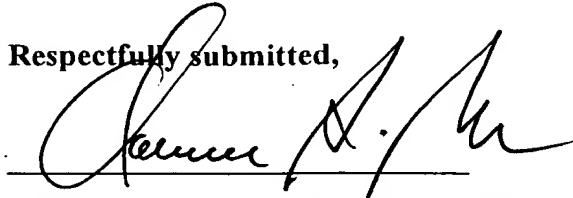
The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 CFR (e) or fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. FI 991537 filed 5 July 1999. Applicant's attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Official Action dated 29 May 2000, issued on the priority Finnish Patent Application No. FI 991537. The Official Action cited United States Patent Nos. US 5,321,793 and US 5,596,677. Applicant's attorney also encloses a copy of United States Patent No. 5,528,629 which was cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

Copies of the Finnish Official Action and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

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